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Proclaiming October 2019 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic violence remains an overwhelming public health crisis in the United States where 1 in 4 women, 1 in 10 men, and 54% of transgender individuals have experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime. In 2018, a survey conducted in Los Angeles County revealed that nearly 17% of respondents had been abused physically and/or sexually by an intimate partner. As homicides drop in Los Angeles County, the numbers of women killed—often by intimate partners has increased.

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) organizes and leads the Domestic Violence Council (Council), which includes survivors, public agencies, County departments and community-based organizations that work to address issues impacting survivors, their families, people who commit acts of domestic violence, and the service providers who assist impacted populations.

The Council works under the premise that domestic violence is a public health issue and cannot be prevented effectively in a siloed system. The Council partners with other public agencies and community-based organizations to address gang violence,

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substance abuse, child abuse, and healthcare delivery, in order to create and support a culturally appropriate and holistic approach to domestic violence. The Council joins with local programs, state coalitions, and other organizations nationwide who are committed to increasing public awareness about domestic violence and supporting individuals who are impacted by intimate partner violence.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim the month of October 2019 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Los Angeles County.

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